GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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RELIEF TO FARMERS
MANSINH PATEL

Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of schemes formulated by the Government to provide relief to the farmers against the loss suffered by them due to excessive rains, hailstorm, drought and pests etc., State-wise;

(b) the extent of loss suffered by the farmers due to the above reasons during the current year, State-wise;

(c) whether the Government have introduced cattle insurance scheme to compensate the farmers for the loss occurred; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): In accordance with the recommendations of the Eleventh Finance Commission,relief assistance for natural calamities is provided from the Calamity Relief Fund (CRF)and further assistance, for natural calamities of severe nature, is considered from the National Calamity Contingency Fund (NCCF).

(b): In the current financial year, the State Governments of Assam, Bihar, Gujarat,Kerala, Madhya Pradesh and Maharashtra have so far reported that parts of the State have been affected by heavy rains and floods, during South-west monsoon, resulting in loss of 199 human lives and more than 1100 cattle, besides causing damage to cropped area in 0.13 lakh ha.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. According to information supplied by the Department of Animal Husbandry & Dairying, a Central Sector Cattle Insurance Scheme was launched in the year 2000 on a pilot basis in eight selected districts of the country. The Planning Commission has not approved the scheme for continuation in the Tenth Plan.